LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A method for controlling a user's access to a computer network, the method comprising ~~the steps of~~:

establishing by a service provider a ~~upon~~ connection ~~of a user~~ to a data communication network for said user;

~~,~~ ~~making available on the network~~ providing over said network ~~an~~ a user age identifier which is suitable to define ~~the age of~~ said user's age ~~who wishes to make the connection,~~ wherein said step of providing said user age identifier includes transmitting to at least one of said site, said service provider and said user age information related to said age identifier;

~~entering~~ receiving by said user, ~~on the part of said user,~~ ~~an~~ a network address of a site ~~of interest~~ to which the user intends to connect; ~~intends to visit;~~

automatically associating said network address ~~being automatically associated~~ with said age identifier ~~made available on the network~~; and

allowing said user to ~~perform connection~~ connect to said ~~the network~~ site as a function ~~on the basis of the reading~~ of said age identifier ~~associated with said address keyed in by said user, and steering accordingly the network navigation of said user~~.

2. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein said step of providing over said network said user age identifier ~~making said user age identifier available on the network comprises~~ includes ~~verifying~~ verification of the data regarding ~~of the~~ said user ~~who wishes to make the connection~~ and ~~comparison~~ comparing ~~of~~ said data with a database which contains ~~the~~ profiles of users registered with a service provider suitable to provide said connection.

Claim 3 (canceled).

4. (currently amended)   The method according to claim 1, wherein the step of providing over said network a user age identifier ~~making said user identifier available on the network~~ further comprises ~~the step of: entering~~ receiving from said user said age identifier ~~directly~~ in ~~the~~ a network navigation program used by ~~the~~ said user to connect to said data communication network.

5. (currently amended)   The method according to claim 1, wherein said step of allowing said user to connect to said site ~~connection to the data communication network allowed on the basis of the reading of said age identifier leads to~~ includes unrestricted network navigation ~~if~~ when said age identifier reveals said user is an adult user ~~or to a controlled network navigation if said age 30 identifier reveals a minor user~~.

6. (currently amended)   The method according to claim 1, wherein said age identifier is associated with said ~~address~~ site keyed in by said user directly by a network navigation program used by ~~the~~ said user ~~on his computer~~.

7. (new)   The method according to claim 1, wherein said step of allowing said user to connect to said site includes controlling network navigation if said age identifier reveals said user is a minor.